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health today if this feeling had existed back then, but it didn't. And there's changes are being made and I like to see them being made. But I'd rather see this occur through the Department of Health. We do have a new administration over there, and I think we do...they are open to suggestions. And I do think that they want to make it...make health care better for everybody in the state of Nebraska. We also have a respite care bill on the floor. And I realize that women do live longer than we do, and that's the way it should be, that's the way my plans are made, and I hope it happens that way in my particular case. Of course, you never know. But the thing is, being as women are living longer, we do have more of them requiring respite care. So if we are vying for these funds, we're asking for \$400,000 in this respite care bill, this is 147,000. Well, especially this year when we're looking at the budget very closely, as far as I'm concerned I would rather see those funds utilized towards the respite care bill, and let the Department of Health figure out a way to handle the situation that Senator Schimek is concerned with here. Another thing is we do have a bill on the floor, LB 298, I believe it is, which is Senator Schimek's bill and one that I signed onto, is doing an evaluation...not an evaluation but a report every year on all the boards and commissions we have currently and whether these boards and commissions are actually performing as they are supposed to perform. In other words, I think the intent of that bill was to tell us that we have too many boards and commissions. So again I would rather give the Department of Health the opportunity to correct the situation we do have. And I do support the intent of the bill, but I do have, like I say, the reservations of whether it's necessary at this point in time and whether those funds could be utilized elsewhere.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Tyson, please.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body. I'm not going to speak at length on this. I think that we've had a good debate on it. But I would point out to the body, if I may, that a good deal of what we have heard today falls into the category of anecdotal evidence. In other words, this is how we feel about the matter. And there's no question in my mind, and some of you may take this the wrong way, but